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CAPELLA HOTEL GROUP APPOINTS CRISTIANO RINALDI AS CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER



(Singapore, 30 September 2020) Capella Hotel Group has appointed Cristiano Rinaldi as Chief Operating Officer. Armed with an impressive resume incorporating some of the world's most sought-after luxury hospitality brands, Cristiano joins the group at an exciting time as Capella pursues international expansion plans.

Prior to joining Capella Hotel Group, Cristiano was based in Tokyo. He spent the last four years as General Manager leading the pre-opening activities for The Bangkok EDITION as well as The Tokyo EDITION Ginza and Toranomon. He has also held the position of Vice President, Operations for One & Only Resorts in Dubai, where he oversaw the performance of the nine resorts within the group's portfolio, as well as leading plans for future expansion.



Cristiano began his career with Hilton and was employed in several Food and Beverage management roles across London and Dubai. In 2001, Cristiano joined the Ritz-Carlton Doha as part of the pre-opening team. Following this, he had the opportunity to join Bulgari Hotels & Resorts in various senior leadership assignments across Milan and Tokyo, including supporting the opening of the Bulgari Hotel in Bali. He then went on to successfully open The Ritz Carlton Hong Kong as Hotel Manager. In 2012, Cristiano was recognised for his valuable contributions with a promotion to Area Director of Operations for Ritz-Carlton, Bulgari and EDITION hotels. Throughout his career, Cristiano has opened more than 35 luxury hotels across the globe.

Nicholas Clayton, CEO of Capella Hotel Group, said, 'Given the future growth of our brands and our quest for operational excellence, Cristiano's appointment could not have come at a better time. His rich operational experience, creativity and passion will complement our efforts to be the undisputed service leader in each of our destinations.'

Capella Hotels and Resorts was recently voted No. 2 Hotel Brand in the World.¹ Their global expansion plans are on track; opened on 1 October 2020 is [Capella Bangkok](#) featuring expansive suites and villas overlooking the Chao Phraya River, as well as three-Michelin-starred chef Mauro Colagreco's first foray into Asia. Following Bangkok will be the unveiling of Capella Hanoi, a Bill Bensley-designed boutique hotel with 47 individually-styled suites that celebrate Opera In the Roaring Twenties.

Next year, Capella Hotel Group will also be launching a new brand – Patina Hotels & Resorts. Patina Maldives, Fari Islands will be the first opening, with properties in Ubud, Bali, Sanya, China, and Osaka, Japan also in development.

For more information about Capella Hotel Group, please visit www.capellahotels.com

¹ Capella Hotels and Resorts was named No. 2 Hotel Brand in the World in the Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards 2020



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ABOUT CAPELLA HOTEL GROUP

Each hotel under the management of Capella Hotel Group upholds a legacy of crafted luxury design combined with the highest level of personalised service that is both unique and memorable. Beyond bespoke hospitality is a visionary curation of culture and experience; properties sitting in harmony with their environment. Capella Hotel Group seek, through knowledge, empathy and respect for their surroundings, to create experiences that inspire and delight guests.

The Capella Hotel Group portfolio boasts two unique brands; the Capella Hotels and Resorts collection consists of properties in Singapore, Ubud, Shanghai, Sanya and Düsseldorf. Capella Bangkok located on the banks of the Chao Phraya River will be joining the portfolio later this year, along with Capella Hanoi designed by world-renowned architect Bill Bensley. Set to open in the coming years include the Maldives, Sydney and Chiang Mai.

Patina Hotels & Resorts is the latest hospitality concept from Capella Hotel Group. Born out of guests' desire to honour individuality, Patina appeals to a new generation of travellers who seek meaningful connections with themselves and the world around them. The human-centred design flows with the natural modes people are in, gently and intuitively providing for each guest's individual needs, ensuring that no two stays are exactly the same.

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